

COUNCIL ELECTION

Candidates' "who's who"

This year there are 16 candidates for the seven seats vacated by retiring members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Council. Brief biographical details are given here. Voting papers and statements of policy will be posted early next week and completed voting papers must be received by Electoral Reform Ballot Service not later than noon on May 17

Gerald Alexander

Mr Gerald Martin Alexander, BSc (Hons), MRPharmS, of Southgate, London, aged 51, registered in 1972.

Current positions (i) Community pharmacist; pharmacy preregistration tutor. (iii) Chairman, National Pharmaceutical Association, and board member since 1995; chairman, Chemists Defence Association; director, Pharmacy Mutual Insurance Co; director, Pharmaceutical & General Provident Society Ltd. Member, Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee. Chairman, Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Local Pharmaceutical Committee, and member since 1982; treasurer, Middlesex Pharmaceutical Group. Steering committee member, Community Pharmacy Practice Research Consortium.



Previous positions (i) Pharmacist manager 1972–81. (iii) Vice-chairman, Enfield and Haringey LPC, 1989; chairman, Enfield and Haringey LPC, 1990–2001. Chairman, Pharmaceutical & General Provident Soci-

ety Ltd, 1999–2002. Clinical assessor to Enfield and Haringey Health Authority, 1996–2001. Member, Enfield & Haringey Family Practitioner Committee, 1984–89.

Financial declaration (a) None. (b) Community pharmacy sole proprietor. (c) None.

Questions for candidates

At the request of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Council, *The Pharmaceutical Journal* is to ask each candidate in the election three questions on matters of topical interest. The responses to these questions are to be published within the next two weeks.

In accordance with the wishes of the Council, the questions asked will be at the discretion of the editor of *The Journal*. Each candidate's response will be restricted in length to ensure fairness.

Candidates will be given a deadline by which to respond and the editor reserves the right to edit the responses, normally in consultation with the candidate.

Roy Carrington

Mr Roy Anthony Carrington, BPharm (Hons), of Mirfield, aged 56 years, registered in 1969

Current positions (i) Community pharmacy chief executive and superintendent pharmacist for National Co-operative Chemists Ltd. (iii) Chairman, Co-operative Pharmacy Technical Panel. Co-operative member of Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee. UK delegate to European Union of the Social Pharmacies. Member, Kirklees and Calderdale Local Pharmaceutical Committee. Secretary, Society's Huddersfield; vice-chairman, Society's Huddersfield branch; Huddersfield branch representative on Yorkshire regional committee.



Previous positions (i) Community pharmacy — various positions with National Co-operative Chemists Ltd since 1975. (iii) Chairman, Society's Dewsbury branch, 1977–79. Pharmacist member, Kirklees Family Health Services Authority, 1990–96.

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Candidates in the Council election are asked to provide standardised biographical details, including:

- 1 name,
- 1 age,
- 1 town,
- 1 year of registration,
- 1 academic qualifications,
- 1 civil honours,
- 1 professional awards,
- 1 current positions held and
- 1 previous positions held.

For both current and previous positions, the information is subdivided as follows:

- 1 (i) occupation — branch of pharmacy and position held;
- 1 (ii) public service positions;
- 1 (iii) positions held as either an officer or a member of the governing

body or committee of any pharmaceutical organisation, including the local branch of the Society; and

- 1 (iv) positions held as either an officer or a member of the governing body or committee of any organisation associated with health services, science or pharmaceutical education.

DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

In accordance with a decision of the Council (PJ, January 21, 1978, p50), a declaration of each candidate's financial interest has also been requested, on a voluntary basis. Following each biography is a declaration of the positions or companies from which the candidate benefits financially, subdivided as follows:

- 1 (a) remunerated directorships of companies, public or private;
- 1 (b) remunerated employments, offices, trades, professions or vocations;
- 1 (c) the names of companies or other bodies in which the candidate has, to his or her knowledge, either alone or with or on behalf of a spouse or infant children, a beneficial interest in shareholdings of a nominal value greater than one-hundredth of the issued share capital.

Financial declaration (a) National Co-operative Chemists Ltd. Belfast Co-operative Chemists Ltd. (b) Chief executive officer and superintendent pharmacist, National Co-operative Chemists Ltd. (c) Nil.

Shaquil Chaudary

Dr Shaquil Haider Chaudary, BSc (Hons), PhD, MRPharmS, of Liverpool, Merseyside, aged 29, registered in 1995.

Current positions (i) Lecturer in pharmaceutical sciences, Liverpool John Moores University.



Financial declaration (a) "Responsible person", MB Health Products. (b) Locum pharmacist. (c) None.

Sarah Cockbill

Dr Sarah Margaret Elizabeth Cockbill, BPharm, MPharm, LL.M, PhD, DAgVetPharm, MIPharmM, FCPP, FRPharmS, of Chepstow, Monmouthshire, aged 54 years, registered in 1970.

Current positions (i) Teaching fellow, Welsh School of Pharmacy. Locum community pharmacist. (ii) President elect, Soroptimist International, Cardiff and district. (iii) Member, Society's Welsh Executive; committee member, Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan branch. (iv) Member, Veterinary Products Committee; Member of Court, University of Wales; secretary, Veterinary Wound Healing Association; visiting research fellow, Welsh National School of Medicine.



Previous positions (i) Chairman, Welsh Executive 1996-98; Vice-Chairman 1993-94 and 1995-96. (ii) Member, Welsh Pharmaceutical Committee's Clinical Effectiveness Group 1997-99; member, Primary Care Advisory Group (Welsh Office) 1997-98. (iii) Chairman, working party investigating the Welsh Executive's ways of working with the Welsh Assembly 1997-98; member, Society's Welsh Executive Public Affairs Working Group 1999-2000. Various positions in Society's Cardiff and South Glamorgan branch: public relations officer 1979-83, chairman 1985-87, vice-chairman 1987-88 and 1984-85, secretary 1982-84, assistant secretary 1981-82, and careers officer 1987-2000. (iii) Director, University of Wales diploma/MSc in community pharmacy 1993-98; associate examiner, College

of Pharmacy Practice 1993-94; visiting lecturer, department of dermatology, University of Wales College of Medicine 1997-99. (iv) Member of the Welsh Committee for Postgraduate Pharmaceutical Education (WCPPE) 1992-95; postgraduate pharmaceutical education tutor for Cardiff and South Glamorgan 1992-94; member of council and treasurer of the European Wound Management Association 1991-97; secretary, local organising committee for the British Pharmaceutical Conference 1986-90.

Financial declaration (a) Nil. (b) Teaching fellow, Welsh School of Pharmacy, community pharmacy locums, pharmaceutical writing. (c) Nil.

Robert Darracott

Mr Robert Darracott, BPharm, MRPharmS, of Feltham, Middlesex, aged 41, registered in 1982.

Current positions (i) Community pharmacy — director of European professional services, Alliance UniChem Retail International. (iv) Member, School of Pharmacy Advisory Panel.



Previous positions (i) Hospital pharmacist 1982-84; journalist and latterly assistant editor, *Chemist & Druggist*, 1984-91; principal pharmaceutical officer, Department of Health, 1991-95; professional services manager, Moss Pharmacy, 1995-2001. (iii) Member, West Surrey Local Pharmaceutical Committee, 1996-2000 and chairman 1997-2000. Member (observer), Society's Community Pharmacists Group, 1997-2000.

Financial declaration (a) None. (b) Director of European professional services, Alliance UniChem Retail International; occasional writing and speaking. (c) None.

William Dawson

Professor William Dawson, BPharm, PhD, MSc, DSc, FRPharmS, FRSC, MCPP, of Medstead, Hampshire, aged 63, registered in 1961.

Current positions (i) Independent health care consultant. (ii) Member, Department of Health herbal medicine regulatory working group. (iii) Member, Society's Conference Com-



mittee and Science Committee; member, Society's working party on complementary therapies; committee member, Society's North Hampshire branch. Elected member, Academy of Pharmaceutical Scientists board. (iv) Member, R&D committee, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry. Member, Parliamentary affairs committee, Royal Society of Chemistry.

Previous positions (i) Director of Technology Acquisition, Europe, Eli Lilly & Co, 1991-96; director of Research, UK, Eli Lilly & Co, 1977-91. (ii) Various committee and panel appointments in the Science and Engineering Research Council, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and Medical Research Council, 1983-2000. Specialist subject reviewer, Quality Assurance Agency, 1998-2000. (iii) Member, R&D committee, College of Pharmacy Practice, 1986-90. Member of Society's Council (co-opted), 1998-2001. (iv) External examiner, School of Pharmacy, Brighton University, 1991-95. Member, pharmacy panel, Research Assessment Exercise 2001.

Financial declaration (a) Director of Bionet Ltd, Natrocell Technologies Ltd, Proteome Sciences plc. (b) Consultant to the health care industry and the related academic community. Occasional pharmaceutical journalism. (c) Bionet Ltd.

Digby Emson

Mr Andrew Digby Emson, BPharm (Hons), MRPharmS, MPSNI, ACPP, of Nottingham, aged 50, registered in 1974.

Current positions

(i) Pharmacy Superintendent, Boots The Chemists Ltd. (ii) Governor, Loughborough Endowed Schools. (iii) Member, Society's Council; member of Society's Practice Committee, Corporate Governance Steering Group, Modernisation Steering Group; chairman, Society's Publications and Journals Committee; committee member, Society's Nottingham branch. Member, Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee. Chairman, Company Chemists' Association.



Previous positions (iii) Member, Nottingham Local Pharmaceutical Committee (until 2000).

Financial declaration (a) Boots The Chemists Ltd. (b) The Boots Co plc. (c) None.

Bob Gartside

Mr Robert Gartside, BSc, FRPharmS, of Llanberis, Caernarfon, aged 65, registered in 1959.

Current positions (i) Secretary, North Wales Local Pharmaceutical Committee. Occasional locum in community pharmacy. Occasional consultancy work. Occasional journalism. (ii)



Member, Welsh Pharmaceutical Committee (advisory to the National Assembly for Wales). (iii) Member, Society's Welsh Executive; committee member, Society's Gwynedd branch; member, Society's repeat dispensing ethics working party. Member, Community Pharmacy Wales (the Welsh committee of Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee). Member, North Wales Local Pharmaceutical Committee. Member, North Wales District Pharmaceutical Committee.

Previous positions (i) Preregistration trainee, Oldham Royal Infirmary. Various positions in pharmaceutical industry, 1960–69. Owner of small pharmacy group, Liverpool, 1969–78. Community pharmacy, Llanberis, 1978–94. (iii) Chairman, Society's Welsh Executive; treasurer and chairman, Society's Gwynedd branch. Pharmacist member, Gwynedd Local Health Group (equivalent of primary care group in England). Member, Gwynedd Family Practitioner Committee and Gwynedd Family Health Services Authority.

Financial declaration (a) Nil. (b) Secretary, North Wales Local Pharmaceutical Committee. Occasional journalism. Occasional locum work. Occasional consultancy work. (c) Nil.

Christine Glover

Mrs Christine Glover, BSc, FRPharmS, MIPharmM, of Edinburgh, aged 56, registered in 1970.

Current positions (i) Proprietor, Glovers Integrated Healthcare. (iii) Member of the Society's Council since 1991 (co-opted November 1991; elected 1992); chairman of Conference Committee; member of Society's Scottish Department Executive since 1988. (v) Lay member of council of Institute of Chartered Accountants for Scotland.



Previous positions (i) Community pharmacist — independent proprietor for 16 years.

Community pharmacy manager (job sharing) and locum. (iii) President of the Society 1999–2001; Vice-President 1997–98. President, British Pharmaceutical Students Association. President, National Association of Women Pharmacists. (iv) National tutor in community pharmacy for Post-Qualification Education Board for NHS Pharmacists in Scotland.

Financial declaration (a) Nil. (b) Nil. (c) Shareholder in Edinpharm.

Gillian Hawksworth

Dr Gillian Mary Hawksworth, BPharm, PhD, FRPharmS, MCPP, MIPharmM, of Huddersfield, aged 49, registered in 1974.

Current positions

(i) Independent proprietor community pharmacist since 1986. (iii) Vice-President and Officer of the Society; chairman, Resource Management Committee; chairman, Society's diabetes task force; member, Remuneration Committee; communications officer, Society's Yorkshire regional committee; public relations officer and committee member, Society's Huddersfield branch. Member, Calderdale and Kirklees Local Pharmaceutical Committee and liaison pharmacist to North Kirklees Primary Care Group, district prescribing committee, drugs and therapeutics committee and health authority pharmacy strategy and accreditation groups, and chairman, pharmacy development group. (iv) Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education tutor; preregistration tutor; honorary lecturer, Bradford university; member, College of Pharmacy Practice accreditation panel; co-opted member, UK Psychiatric Pharmacy Group; member, Northern and Yorkshire modernisation board and older people's task force.



Previous positions (ii) Member, Society's Council 1992–98, 1999–2002; chairman, Law and Ethics Policy Committee 2000–01, Infringements Committee 1996–97; member, numerous Council committees, membership groups and working parties.

Professional awards UKCPA Evans Medical clinical pharmacy research fellowship 1991; Society's Sir Hugh Linstead community pharmacy research fellowship 1991 and 1992; Department of Health enterprise scheme award 1995–96; College of Pharmacy Practice Schering award 1999; local NHS champion's award 2001.

Financial declaration (a) Nil. (b) Sole proprietor, Old Bank Chemist, Mirfield; CPPE tutor; occasional lecturing, research, teaching, writing and consultancy. (c) Nil.

Pat Hoare

Mrs Patricia Hoare, FRPharmS, ACPP, of Beaconsfield, aged 56, registered in 1968.

Current positions (i) Locum community pharmacist. (iii) Member of Society's Council since 1996; member, Society's Law & Ethics and Conference Committees; chairman, Infringements Committee since 2000;



treasurer, Chiltern Regional Committee 2002; committee member, Slough branch since 1989. Council member on executive committee, National Association of Women Pharmacists.

Previous positions (i) Locum, Avon and Buckinghamshire, from 1978. Manager of independent pharmacies in Essex and South Glamorgan 1970–73. Relief manager, Boots The Chemists, London, 1969–70. (iii) Member of Society's committees for Science, Infringements, Animal Medicines, Community Pharmacists Group, Membership Services, Audio-visual; member, Society's steering groups for museum development and space audit; chairman of working party for selection of committee members and chairmen; elected member, Community Pharmacy Group Committee 1994–96, Community Pharmacy Subcommittee 1993–94; chairman, Chiltern region 1999–2001, vice-chairman 1997–99, secretary 1995–99, communications officer 1993–95. Chairman, Slough branch 1994–96, vice-chairman 1993–94, secretary 1990–93. Chairman, fund-raising committee, British Pharmaceutical Conference, Reading 1993. President, National Association of Women Pharmacists 1994–96, vice-president 1993–94, projects officer 1991–96, project manager, contributor and fund raiser, NAWP "Women in Pharmacy" pack 1990–91, Women Returners' Network representative 1989–96, Women's National Commission representative 1995–96. Member, co-ordinating committee, Women Returners' Network, 1994–95. Oxford Regional Health Authority local tutor for Slough and Reading branches 1990–92.

Financial declaration (a) None. (b) Locum. (c) None.

Voting papers and policy statements

Voting papers and statements of policy will be posted to members of the Society early next week. They are reminded that completed voting papers must be received by Electoral Reform Ballot Service not later than noon on May 17.

Clive Jackson

Mr Clive William Jackson, BSc (Hons), MSc (Clinical Pharmacy), MRPharmS, of Altrincham, Cheshire, aged 46, registered in 1978.

Current positions (i)

Director of the National Prescribing Centre (NHS) since 1996. (iii) Chairman, Faculty of Prescribing and Medicines Management, since 2001. Governor, College of Pharmacy Practice, since 2001. Member, Society's Primary Care Steering Group, since 2001. (iv) Member, Department of Health medicines management advisory group, since 2001. Member, Department of Health working group on the extension of nurse prescribing, since 2001. Member, Pharmacy Education Collaborative, since 2001. Member, Department of Health technology advisory group, since 2000. Member of Pharmnet/Regional Prescribing Leads Groups, since 1992. Member, editorial boards of Pharmacy in Practice, since 1996, and Guidelines in Practice, since 1999. Member, Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists, since 1984; member of UKCPA, since 1981.

Previous positions (i) Regional pharmaceutical adviser, North West and North Western Regional Health Authorities, 1991–96. Part-time secondment to the Department of Health prescribing branch, 1993–96. Chief pharmacist, Broadgreen hospital group, Liverpool, 1986–91. Staff pharmacist, Withington hospital, Manchester, 1982–86. Grade I pharmacist, South Manchester hospitals, 1978–82. Locum pharmacist in community and hospital pharmacy, 1978. Preregistration trainee, South Manchester hospitals, 1977–78. (iii) Chairman, South Manchester Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee, 1984–86. (iv) Chairman, working group on competencies for primary care pharmacists, 1999–2000. Member, National Prescribing Forum, 1994–2000. Part-time lecturer/tutor in clinical pharmacy, Manchester University, 1982–86 and Liverpool, now John Moores University, 1987–91.

Financial declaration (a) Nil. (b) Director, National Prescribing Centre (NHS); occasional income from lecturing and writing



articles on pharmaceutical and health care topics. (c) Nil.

Hemant Patel

Mr Hemantkumar Ramanbhai Patel, BSc, DipPharmacol, FRPharmS, MIMgt, of Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, aged 47, registered in 1979.

Current positions (i)

Proprietor pharmacist since 1981. (iii) Elected member of Society's Council (President 1998–99), Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (vice-chairman 2001–02), National Pharmaceutical Association board and Barking and Havering Local Pharmaceutical Committee. Chairman of Pharmacy Support Group. Secretary to Barking and Havering LPC and Redbridge and Waltham Forest LPC. Non-executive director of Barking and Havering Health Authority. Serves on various committees and working groups of these organisations.

Previous positions (i) Branch manager of a multiple pharmacy company.

Financial declaration (a) None. (b) Community pharmacy proprietor, LPC secretary and Pharmacy Advisory Panel member. (c) None.



Peter Schofield

Mr John Peter Schofield, MRPharmS, of Cambridge, aged 54, registered in 1972.

Current positions (i)

Locum pharmacist; consultant. (iii) Treasurer, Society's Cambridge branch; chairman, Society's East Anglia region.

Previous positions

(i) Community pharmacy proprietor, Cambridge 1989–99; director and superintendent pharmacist/ chief operating officer, Peterborough Co-operative Chemists 1981–89; community pharmacy manager 1972–81. (iii) Chairman, Cambridge and Huntingdon LPC 1993–99; member, Cambridgeshire LPC 1985–93; trustee, Anglia Regional Co-op Pension Fund 1986–99; secretary and conference organiser, National Association of Co-operative Executive Pharmacists 1988–89; member, Co-operative Pharmacy Technical Panel 1984–89; inaugural chairman, Savory and Moore Pharmacists Association 1980–1981; representative, British Pharmaceutical Students Association 1970–72.



Financial declaration (a) None. (b) Pharmacist locum; occasional consultancy fees. (c) None.

Ashok Soni

Mr Ashok Soni, BSc (Portsmouth), MRPharmS, of Streatham, London SW16, aged 40, registered in 1984.

Current positions

(i) Independent community pharmacist proprietor. (iii) Member, National Pharmaceutical Association board of management. Vice-chairman, Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Local Pharmaceutical Committee. (iv) Member, South Lambeth Prescribing Committee. Member of LPC/HA Clinical Governance Committee. Professional member of the NHS Tribunal. Member of All Party Pharmacy Group steering committee.

Previous positions (iv) Member of Primary Care Teamworking Group.

Financial declaration (a) Director of Soni Properties (UK) Ltd. (b) Proprietor of Copes Pharmacy, London SW16. (c) None.



Philip Walton

Mr Philip Walton, BSc (Hons), MRPharmS, of Manchester, aged 46, registered in 1980.

Current positions (i)

Locum pharmacist. (iii) member, Pharmacy Partnerships, Manchester Salford and Trafford. Member, regional group, medicines management. (iv) Secretary, Archery in the Community (a lottery-funded group that aims to promote archery to those who may otherwise not realise its benefits in health and social welfare).

Previous positions (i) Owner and superintendent of single community pharmacy, 1985–2001. (ii) Member, Salford local pharmaceutical committee, 1990–97, and treasurer 1995–97. (iv) member, local pharmaceutical committee/health action zone steering group for emergency hormonal contraception supply in Manchester Salford and Trafford. Member, Salford Diabetic Liaison Group.

Financial declaration (a) None. (b) None. (c) None.



Closing date

Voting papers must be returned to Electoral Reform Ballot Service Ltd, PO Box 6352, London N1 1YR, to arrive no later than noon on Friday 17 May. The business reply envelope sent to members in Great Britain and Northern Ireland is marked "second class"; members should post their voting papers as early as possible.

COUNCIL ELECTION PROCEDURE

The Council of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society has decided that its policy in relation to Council elections should be published each year to enable the membership, and candidates in the election in particular, to be fully aware of the Council's current views on the matter

As a general principle, the Council

remains convinced that the membership is best served when each aspect of the election is conducted in a manner that, so far as possible, gives candidates an equal opportunity of presenting their views to the membership.

The following criteria will, in the Council's view, prevent any member hav-

ing an advantage over colleagues by virtue of financial resources or any other special influence. They represent a relaxation of previous rules and are designed: (a) to encourage more members to vote in the Council election and (b) to ensure that those members who do vote are as well informed about the candidates as possible.

1. Canvassing The Council firmly believes that individual canvassing is not appropriate in elections for membership of the governing body of a profession.

Candidates are expected to refrain from any personal canvassing or from requesting or giving permission for canvassing to be done on their behalf, including on-line canvassing by use of e-mail or internet discussion groups. Candidates who become aware that any person, group or organisation intends to canvass on their behalf will be expected to make every effort to dissuade those concerned from doing so.

2. Biographical details Biographical details, which are published in *The Pharmaceutical Journal*, will be standardised under the following headings: (a) name and town; (b) age; (c) year of registration; (d) academic qualifications; (e) civil honours; (f) professional awards; (g) current positions held; (h) previous positions held (with dates). Both (g) and (h) are subdivided as follows: (i) occupation, branch of pharmacy and position held; (ii) public service positions; (iii) positions held as either an officer or a member of the governing body or committee of any pharmaceutical organisation, including the local branch of the Society; and (iv) positions held as either an officer or a member of the governing body or committee of any organisation associated with health services, science or pharmaceutical education. Candidates, if they wish, may make further reference to their history or experience in their statements of policy.

Candidates are also asked to declare positions or companies from which they benefit financially, under the headings: (a) remunerated directorships of companies, public or private; (b) remunerated employments, offices, trades, professions or vocations; (c) the names of companies or other bodies in which the candidate has to his or her knowledge, either alone or with or on behalf of a spouse or infant children, a beneficial interest in shareholdings of a nominal value greater than one-hundredth of the issued share capital.

3. Residential requirement Candidates in the election must be members of the Society who are normally resident in Great Britain, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

4. Statements of policy Candidates' statements of policy will continue to be sent direct to each member of the Society with the voting papers, thereby allowing candidates the maximum freedom of expression. The Council considers that this is the only practical method of presenting to the membership the unedited views of each candidate. The length of each candidate's statement of policy and biographical details should not exceed 630 words.

5. Contributions to the pharmaceutical press The editor of *The Pharmaceutical Journal* will continue the policy of not accepting letters from candidates for inclusion in the issue in which the nominations are published and thereafter until the date of the election. Candidates will be asked to observe the spirit of the *Journal* policy by not sending letters to other pharmaceutical journals for inclusion in issues which will be published after the end of March.

The Council accepts, however, that it is frustrating to candidates if they cannot comment on questions of interest to the profession, which have arisen since a statement of policy was prepared. To overcome this problem and so assist members to make the most informed decision possible when voting, the Council has agreed that the editors of *The Pharmaceutical Journal* and other pharmaceutical publications will be invited to pose up to three questions to each candidate standing for the Council election. The questions will be topical and the candidates' replies will be published in the respective journals.

The timing of publication will, with advantage, be as close as possible to the mailing of the voting papers and obviously will be after the nominations for election have been published in *The Pharmaceutical Journal*. Questions asked will be at the discretion of individual editors and each response will be restricted in length to ensure fairness. Candidates will be given a deadline by which to respond and

the editors will naturally reserve the right to edit the responses, normally in consultation with the candidate.

6. "House" and member organisation magazines It is recognised that candidates might wish to make an announcement regarding their intention to run for the Council election in the official magazine of any organisations of which they are a member or employee. There will be no objection to the publication of news announcements in "house" magazines, member organisation magazines and newsletters published by the Society's membership or special interest groups, provided the following conditions are observed: (a) the announcement is of a factual nature, and supplies no more details than candidates' name, place of residence, age and current connection with the organisation concerned; (b) the announcement is published free of charge; (c) if there is more than one candidate making an announcement, each candidate is given the same amount of space in the magazine; (d) if a photograph is to be published with the announcement it is a recent one of modest size. It will be possible for announcements of this nature to be published at any time leading up to an election.

There will also be no objection to magazines of this kind undertaking a similar exercise as that described for *The Pharmaceutical Journal* and other pharmaceutical publications. The editors may therefore pose up to three questions to all candidates standing for the Council election, following the same procedures and subject to the same conditions.

7. Branch and regional newsletters Similarly, there is no objection to branch and regional newsletters publishing the views of candidates on any particular topic, provided certain criteria are observed. All candidates in the election should be given an equal opportunity to participate up to a stated maximum number of words, and the views expressed by candidates should be printed without editorial comment or amendment, except in the latter case where publication might lead to libel action. It would not be equi-

table if a branch or regional committee newsletter asked for support for one or more candidates, particularly for geographical reasons.

8. Adherence of candidates to the rules As previously stated, the rules are intended to ensure that each candidate has an equal opportunity of presenting policies to the electorate. Adherence to these rules is a matter of accepting this policy and abiding by the rules as a matter of personal integrity. In the past there have been complaints that some candidates have not adhered to the spirit of the rules.

Candidates standing for the Council election will be required to sign a declaration confirming: (a) their agreement to abide by the Council election procedures; and (b) that they will do everything possible to ensure that others do not, on their behalf, act in conflict with the rules.

The material sent to candidates and the declaration mentioned above will clearly state the period during which the protocols for this procedure will be in force, which will normally be from the end of March until the date of the election.

Any candidate who appears to breach the signed declaration will be required to give an explanation to the President and the Council as to why they allowed a breach of the protocol to occur. This will apply to a candidate whether or not elected to the Council.

9. Hustings The Council, while it has decided that the Society centrally should not organise a hustings event, does not object to outside organisations as well as regions or branches arranging events of this kind if they so wish, provided all candidates are given an equal opportunity to present their views. There will be no restriction on the reporting of hustings events by the pharmaceutical press. Travelling distances may make it difficult for all candidates to attend such meetings. The Council considers that if a candidate cannot attend, he or she should have an opportunity of submitting a statement, equal in length to the opening statements of candidates who are able to attend, to be read by the chairman or some other appropriate person.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS

Biographical details of candidates for election

This year there are nine candidates in the three-yearly election of five auditors of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. Brief biographical details of each candidate are set out below. Voting papers must be received by Electoral Reform Ballot Services not later than noon on 17 May

John E. Balmford

John Edwin Balmford, FRPharmS, MCPP, of Chipping Campden, registered in 1953.

Current positions (i) Retired community pharmacist. (iii) Honorary auditor of Society since 1995.

Previous positions (iii) President of the Society 1978–79. Chairman, College of Pharmacy Practice, 1981–88.

Professional awards Charter gold medallist of the Society 1988. Schering award 1990.

Ian Caldwell

Ian McDougall Williams Caldwell, MPhil, FRPharmS, MCPP, of Larkhall, Lanark, registered in 1960.

Current positions (iii) Auditor of the Society since 1999. (iv) Member, National Appeals Panel since 1988. Lay member, disciplinary board, British Psychological Society, since 1998.

Previous positions (i) Community Pharmacist (sole proprietor) until retirement in 1998. Brief hospital experience 1960. Community pharmacist 1961–64. Works pharmacist and export manager 1964–66. Manager and latterly superintendent pharmacist 1966–71. Postgraduate student, University of Strathclyde, 1999–01. (iii) President of the Society 1996–97, Vice-President 1994–96, member of Council 1988–91 and 1993–99; chairman of the Society's Scottish Department Executive 1986–88 and executive member 1975–99; chairman, Community Pharmacy Subcommittee 1989–90; chairman, Infringements Committee 1998–99; chairman, Practice Committee 1990–91; chairman, Education Committee 1993–94; chairman, working party on managed care, 1995; chairman, Manpower Committee 1997–99; member, Society's Postgraduate Education Committee, 1987–89; member, Community Pharmacy Subcommittee, 1992–93; committee member, Society's Glasgow and West of Scotland branch, 1962–99, assistant secretary 1968–72, secretary 1972–73, chairman 1975–77. Founder member, College of

Pharmacy Practice. (iv) Chairman, Greater Glasgow Chemist Contractors Committee, 1984–93; member, Greater Glasgow Area Pharmaceutical Committee 1974–98, chairman 1983–85, secretary of its general practice committee 1985–92; member, Greater Glasgow Health Board Pharmacy Practice Committee 1987–98. Member, Scottish Pharmaceutical General Council, 1972–98, and of its standing committee, 1983–98. Member, Whitley Council staff side 1983–98. Member, National Pharmaceutical Consultative Committee 1980–83.

Professional awards Elected fellow of the Society 1982.

Richard Clitherow

Richard Clitherow, JP, FRPharmS, FRSH, of Liverpool, registered in 1958.

Current positions (i) Retired community pharmacist. (ii) Justice of the Peace. (iii) Honorary auditor of the Society.

Previous positions (ii) Member of Liverpool City Council and chairman of its general services committee. Member of Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Consultative Council and chairman of its Liverpool district committee. Chairman of the Betting Licensing and Gaming Licensing Committees, Liverpool PSD. (iii) Chairman, secretary and treasurer of Society's local branch; treasurer of Society's region. Vice-chairman of Liverpool Local Pharmaceutical Committee. (iv) Member of Liverpool Health Authority (and various Regional Health Authority committees); member of Liverpool Executive Council and Family Practitioner Committee. Member of Nurses and Midwives Whitley Council and Optical Whitley Council.

Anthony Cox

Anthony Richard Cox, MRPharmS, ClinDipPharm, of Sutton Coldfield, registered in 1992.

Current positions (i) Adverse drug reaction pharmacist, West Midlands Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Reporting, Birmingham. Teaching fellow, Pharmacy Prac-

tice Research Group, Aston University. (iii) Member of editorial board, *The Pharmaceutical Journal*, since May 2001. Committee member of Birmingham branch of the Society since 2000. Member of steering group of Private-Rx website since 1999.

Previous positions (i) Mainly hospital pharmacist posts in the West Midlands. (iii) Treasurer of West Midlands Group, Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists, 1994–97, vice-chairman 1997–98, chairman 1999–2000. Member of the editorial board of *GHP*, the Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists journal, 2000–01. Member of Committee on Safety of Medicines working group on labelling and packaging of medicines, 2001.

Mervyn Madge

Archibald George Mervyn Madge, FRPharmS, FIPharmM, FRSH, MCPP, of St Budeaux, Plymouth, registered in 1933.

Current positions (i) Author, writer and lecturer. (ii) Member of Plymouth chamber of commerce and industry. (iii) Auditor of the Society. Vice-president, British Society for the History of Pharmacy. Member, Faculty for the Philosophy and History of Medicine and Pharmacy.

Previous positions (ii) Past chairman of Plymouth disablement employment advisory committee. (iii) Former member of the Society's Council and its various committees, including Finance and General Purposes Committee, Investment Subcommittee, Law and Ethics Committee; past chairman of Benevolent Fund Committee and Birdsgrove House Committee; past chairman of the Society's Agricultural and Veterinary Pharmacists Group and Industrial Pharmacists Group; past chairman, secretary and public relations officer of the Society's Plymouth branch. Founder member of the College of Pharmacy Practice. Past chairman, Institute of Pharmacy Management International. Past chairman, British Society for the History of Pharmacy. Co-founder and first president of Rural Pharmacists Association. Past secretary of pharmaceutical group, Royal Society of Health. Past chairman and member of council, British Homoeopathic Association.

Emyr Roberts

Emyr Roberts, BPharm (Hons) (UWIST), MRPharmS, of Bethesda, Gwynedd, registered in 1977.

Current positions (i) Employee community pharmacist (part-time), locum pharmacist and practice pharmacist, Gwynedd local health group, since 1998, and in 2001 also pharmaceutical adviser (part-time maternity leave cover), Gwynedd LHG.

Previous positions (i) Preregistration trainee, Bangor, Gwynedd, 1976–77. Employee community pharmacist, Gwynedd, 1977–82. Proprietor community pharmacist, Bethesda, Gwynedd, 1982–98.

J. D. Thomas

John David Thomas, MRPharmS, of Burnhill Green, Wolverhampton, registered in 1964.

Current positions (i) Community pharmacist since 1964. Local research co-ordinator (part-time), Medicines Management Department, Keele University, since 2001. (iii) Director, Pharmaceutical General and Benevolent Society, since 1980.

Previous positions (i) Owner/community pharmacist, three West Midland pharmacies, 1969–86. (iii) West Midlands area representative on the board of management, National Pharmaceutical Association, 1980–98; NPA chairman 1989–90, NPA treasurer 1991–98; director, Pharmacy Mutual Insurance Co, 1980–98; NPA representative on Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee 1986–89; chairman, NPA Pensioners Trustee Fund, 1990–98. Member, Proprietary Articles Trade Association, 1987–2001, and president 1997–2000.

Mark Walker

Mark Alexander Walker, BPharm, AIMgt, MRPharmS, of Oxford, registered in 1983.

Current positions (i) Consultant, IBM Life Sciences Consulting. (iii) Treasurer, Young Pharmacists' Group.

Previous positions (i) Hospital pharmacist, industrial pharmacist. (iii) President, Students' Union, School of Pharmacy, University of London 1981. International liaison secretary, British Pharmaceutical Students Association 1982–84. Secretary, European Pharmaceutical Students' Committee 1984. Chairman, YPG 1985. Treasurer, YPG 2000.

Brian Wills

Brian Alan Wills, BPharm, MA, PhD, FRPharmS, CChem, FRSC, of Comrie, Perthshire, registered in 1949.

Current positions (iii) Auditor of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society since 1990. (iv) Assistant emeritus of the Society of Apothecaries of London.

Previous positions (i) Chief pharmacist, Department of Health, 1978–89. Head of control division, Allen & Hanburys Ltd, 1962–78; head of research and control division, Allen & Hanburys (Africa) Ltd, 1958–62. Lecturer in pharmaceutics, School of Pharmacy, University of London, 1951–57. (ii) Member, British Pharmacopoeia Commission, 1973–93; member, United Kingdom delegation to European Pharmacopoeia Commission, 1975–93. Member, Joint Formulary Commission for the British National Formulary, 1978–89. (iii) Chairman of Society's Harrogate branch, 1997–98. (iv) Member of council, School of Pharmacy, University of London, and its finance committee, 1981–89. Member, founding committee of management, Joint Pharmaceutical Analysis Group, and chairman of the group, 1972–73. Former visiting professor, Universities of Bath and Bradford.

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